Conversion of M.A. College of Technology, Bhopal into I. I. T.

3512. SHRl AJIt p. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of ihe five I. I. Ts. established in the country is so located that the central part of the country is served by it;

(b) whether Government are consider ing to establish any more I- I. Ts in the country to fill in this void; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the M. A. college of Technology, Bhopal into an I. I- T. and if so, what are the details thereof, and if not, whether Gov ernment propose to examine the feasibili ty of converting it info an I. I. T. and take necessary steps to locate one of the I.I.Ts, at Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Apart from the five Indian Institutes of Technology (UTs) already established at Kharagpur, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur and Delhi, one more IIT is proposed to be set uP in Assam. The I.I.Ts, are 'Institutes of National Importance' and cater to the needs of the country on an all-India basis and not on regional Or State considerations. There is no proposal at present under Government's consideration to convert the Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal into an I.I.T- or to set uP any more I.I.Ts, in the country.

Inclusion of Diseases in the National Health Programme

3513. SHRI RAJ ANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1201 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that other dis eases have also been included other than the eight diseases 'already included in the National Health Programme.

(b) if so, the names of those diseases and 'he drugs required for the treatment of those diseases;

(c) whether Government recommended Iodine which is required for Goitre Programme to be covered under Price Control; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Apart from the eight programmes the following three programmes and the drugs used have also been included in the list of National Health Programmes:—

1. STD Control Programme:—Anti biotics

2. National Family Welfare Programme including Mother & Child Health:— Folic Acid, Ferrous Sulphate, Vitamin A'.

3. AIDS Control Programme:— There are, as of now, no specific drugs for treatment of AIDS.

(c) and (d) Iodine in the form of Potassium Iodate is used under the Goitre Control Programme. Potassium Iodate is nor. a Pharmacopical drug 'and so is not included in the Drug Price Control Order.

Education to the Consumer on Drugs Interaction

3514. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to educate Doctors and Consumers at lares regarding Drug Interaction;

(b) what are the types of drug interaction which can be fatal; and

(c) whether there is a separate wing to monitor and take steps against such interactions and future plans about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROj KHAPARDE): (a) Medical students are taught the possible adverse interactions that may occur amongst certain types of drugs and not to prescribe them together. Government insists such interactions to be given as cautionary measure in the package insert and other promotional literature of drugs.

(b) The types of drug interactions that could be fatal are:—

(i) When they interact to increase or diminish the intended effect of one or both of the drugs.

(ii) Interact in a manner to cause a new and unexpected reaction.

(iii) Interact in a manner to cause additive toxicity of each drug.

(c) The Government has given a Proposa! in the 7th Five Year Plan to monitor adverse reaction to drugs at a national level At present there is no separate cell. A pian for establishment of Adverse Monitorina Cell has been prepared and as and when financial concurrence is given the plan will be put into operation.

Drugs Needed under the National Health Programme

3515. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI- Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mental Health Programme and Diabeties Control Programme, STD Control Progfamme, Child and Meternal Health Programme and Immunisation Programme are covered under National Health Programme; and

(b) if so, the reasons for non-identification of drugs for these$_e$ diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Mental Health Programme and Diabetes Control Programme have not been included in the National Health Programme which, however, cover the STD Con.rol Programme, Mother and Child Health and the Universal Programme on Immunisation. Drugs identified for these three programme are as follows:

(i) STD Control Programme; Drugs for STD are antibiotics which are also used for other infactions.

(ii) National Family Welfare Programme including Mother and Child Health:

Drugs for Mother and Child Health are Folic Acid and Ferrous Sulphate which are used for a variety of conditions.

(iii) Universal Programme on Immunisation: For EPI Programme. DPI, DT. TT, BCG, Polio, Typhoid and Measles vaccines are used,

Priec Control of the Drugs required for the Trachoma Treatment

3516. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

f a I whether it is a fact that Government have not included Oxytetracycline, Chloramphenicol, Gentamycin, Neomycin Framycetin for price control order under category I; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not including these drugs in the above category for its price control when these are used to control Trachoma?